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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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PROCESS**

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**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Advisory Action dated October 4, 2006 and the Final Office Action dated July 6, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 6, 2006, please enter this response accompanying a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that a one month extension of time fee and an RCE fee is due in connection with this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for these fees, and for any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.